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ECOLOGICAL IMPACT

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1. EMBOFF MET WITH NEWLY APPOINTED CNEXO DIRECTOR
PIKETTY APRIL 24, AT PIKETTY'S REQUEST, TO RECEIVE
PRELIMINARY FRENCH REACTION TO AMOCO OFFER. PIKETTY,
WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE MET THAT MORNING WITH RECENTLY
APPOINTED INDUSTRY MINISTER ANDRE GIRAUD, SAID HE WAS
NOT YET ABLE TO GIVE A DEFINITE RESPONSE TO THE
PROJECT, BUT IN THE MEANTIME HE HAD THREE OBSERVATIONS:

A) CNEXO CANNOT ACCEPT MONEY DIRECTLY FROM AMOCO
OR OFFICIALLY HAVE ANY DIRECT RELATIONS WITH THAT
COMPANY. (THE FRENCH HAVE ALREADY TOLD US THIS.)

B) PIKETTY WENT ON TO EXPRESS CNEXO'S WILLINGNESS,
PENDING COMPLETE MINISTERIAL APPROVAL, TO DEAL DIRECTLY
WITH NOAA, WHICH IN TURN COULD MAKE ANY ARRANGEMENTS
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IT CARED TO WITH AMOCO. HE STATED HE DID NOT WANT TO BE
INVOLVED IN NOAA'S RELATIONS, IF ANY, WITH AMOCO.

C) HE STATED HE HAD HEARD THAT AMOCO WANTED TO HAVE
ITS SCIENTISTS PARTICIPATING IN THE OPERATIONS OF THE
PROGRAM. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THERE WERE TO BE THREE
FRENCH AND THREE AMOCO SCIENTISTS. HE REMARKED THAT AT

MOST PERHAPS ONE AMOCO DESIGNATED SCIENTIST COULD PARTICIPATE. EMBOFF SPECIFIED THAT IN OUR UNDERSTANDING, AMOCO WOULD NOT PROPOSE ANY OF ITS SCIENTISTS TO PARTICIPATE. RATHER IT HOPED TO NOMINATE TOTALLY INDEPENDENT SCIENTISTS TO PARTICIPATE. WHEN ASKED WHY THREE INSTEAD OF THE PREVIOUS FOUR, PIKETTY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT HAD BEEN FOUR.

2. EMBOFF TOLD PIKETTY ONLY AMOCO EMPLOYEE INVOLVED WAS NON-VOTING OBSERVER ON THE COMMITTEE WHICH AMOCO WANTED TO NOMINATE FROM AMONG ITS EMPLOYEES. PIKETTY SAID HE WAS NOT VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS IDEA AND WENT ON TO SAY THAT IF AMOCO COULD HAVE AN OBSERVER ON THE COMMITTEE, PERHAPS OTHER FIRMS INVOLVED WILL WANT TO HAVE OBSERVERS TOO AND THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO DRAW THE LINE.

3. PIKETTY ASKED EMBOFF WHETHER ALL OF THIS APPEARED REASONABLE. EMBOFF STATED HE UNABLE SPEAK DIRECTLY FOR AMOCO OR NOAA BUT WOULD RELAY GIST OF CONVERSATION TO USG.

4. RE LAST SENTENCE PARA 1, REFTTEL, PIKETTY REGRETTED UNABLE TO GO OR SEND ANYONE WEEK OF MAY 1. HE WAS WORKING ON A MEETING IN THE LATTER HALF OF MAY.
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